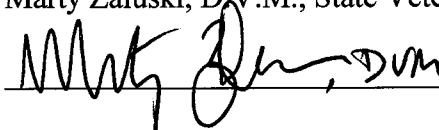


**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION  
OFFICIAL ORDER NO. 08-01-I**

**DATE:** January 15, 2008  
**DATE EFFECTIVE:** January 18, 2008  
**DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL:** January 15, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Requirements for the importation of cattle and bison from Canada  
**STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION:** Administrative Code Annotated: 81-2-102,  
Administrative Rules of Montana: 32.3.212, 32.3.212(c), 32.3.501

**ORDERED BY:** Marty Zaluski, D.V.M., State Veterinarian



**REVIEWED BY:** Christian Mackay, Executive Officer, Department of Livestock



**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE SET FORTH ABOVE, UNTIL AMENDED BY STATUTE, RULE, OR OFFICIAL ORDER, CATTLE AND BISON FROM CANADA MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR IMPORT.**

- I. Imported cattle and bison must be in compliance with USDA Veterinary Service (VS) Memorandum Number 591.64.
- II. In addition, imported animals must meet the following requirements:
  - A. Have a CAN hot iron brand as permanent Canadian origin identification. Brand must be 2 to 3 inches tall applied high on right hip (consistent with VS memo 591.64); a tattoo, freeze or hair brand is not acceptable in lieu of the hot iron CAN brand.
  - B. Be individually identified by an official Canadian eartag.
  - C. Brucellosis vaccination and testing:
    1. Testing:

- a. **Sexually intact males and females 18 months of age and older** must have a negative test within 30 days of import.
- 2. Vaccination:
  - a. **Sexually intact female** animals must be Official Calf-hood Vaccinates (OCV) as directed by ARM 32.3.212; Additional Requirements for Cattle.
  - b. **Non-vaccinated, age eligible females** (4-12 months old) are placed under a hold order for brucellosis vaccination or spaying within 30 days of arrival as directed by ARM 32.3.212(c).
  - c. **Female animals under four months of age** are eligible for import only if accompanied by dam that meets all requirements.
  - d. **Non-vaccinated females over 12 months of age** are not eligible for importation into Montana.
- D. For animals 2 months of age or older, have a tuberculosis test within 60 days of import into Montana. No exemptions for spayed heifers or steers.
- E. Bulls for residence need to comply with ARM 32.3.212 and MTDOL Official Order 07-02-D, and ARM 32.3.501 addressing Trichomoniasis Foetus control.
- F. Sporting bovines need to comply with MTDOL Official Order 07-02-I; (TB Testing of Sporting Bovines Imported into Montana). These animals as defined by 07-02-I must have a stay in Montana of less than 30 days and cannot be used for breeding or semen collection.

ADDITIONAL:

This Official Order rescinds the following Official Orders

- 1. 05-02-I
- 2. 07-03-I